

*Amendments*

*In the Claims:*

Please cancel claims 1-5 and 15; amend claims 6 and 7; and add new claims 17 and 18.

6. (Amended) The conveyor of claim 17, wherein said lining has a thickness in the range of between 0.05 and 0.5 mm.

7. (Amended) The conveyor of claim 17, wherein said lining is applied to said back support in accordance with one of undertakings including the application in molten state and spraying.

17. (New) A conveyor for flowable particulate tobacco material of the tobacco processing industry, comprising a duct defining a path for the flowable material and having walls bounding said path for direct contact with the flowable material and forming part of a cigarette rod making machine, at least one of said walls being a stationary lining having a surface adjacent said path and consisting of a ceramic material, and

a back support for said lining, said lining being disposed between said back support and said path, wherein said lining is bonded to said back support.

18. (New) The conveyor of claim 17, wherein said lining is bonded to said back support with adhesive.